

January 22, 2001

Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director
Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am responding to your recent correspondence by approving a 90-day temporary extension of your Home and Community- Based Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0325. This waiver provides alternatives to nursing facility care for aged and disabled adults entitled to services through the Community Based Alternatives (CBA) program within the STAR+PLUS Managed Care waiver. The HCBSW No.0325 expires on January 31, 2001. This temporary extension is to ensure continued operation of the waiver pending submission of the waiver renewal request to our office. Your letter indicated you needed additional time to complete the waiver formula calculations for the next five years and to complete the necessary information for the 372 reports.

Because a decision regarding renewal of this waiver could not be made before it expires on January 31, 2001, I am granting the State of Texas an initial 90-day temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0325. This program is approved under authority of section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services from February 1, 2001 through May 1, 2001 at the per capita cost and utilization levels approved for the third year of the current waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations